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Gorillapod knock-off?

**cmiper pro says:**

I don't really want to promote this item, (though I don't know the details) so I am posting it as a screencap rather than a link, but how does this happen? Is Gorillapod manufacturing/licensing these for Sunpak or are they knock-offs?

**SUNPAK****Customer Reviews:** (0 ratings)**Sunpak FlexPod**
The most versatile tripod ever!

Aside from the color, it's identical even down to the quick release at the head.

Oh, and they even do come in the same color.



If they are not being manufactured or licensed out by Gorillapod...isn't there some patent/copyright law that should come into play here?

Also, wouldn't that make this the "second most versatile tripod ever" as the Gorillapod came first? ;-)

Originally posted at 8:57AM, 12 January 2007 PDT ([permalink](#))

cmiper edited this topic 14 months ago.

amancy pro says:

yikes *off to google*

Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#)) **S.D. pro says:**

Thats weird. It's not on Sunpak's web site.

Bet it's Licensed.

Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#)) **Amrida says:**

Saw them in Best Buy too.

Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#)) **paulbillett pro says:**

It's got to be the same thing just re branded. Sunpack is big of an accessories company to just go around ripping off others. My guess is they think they can reach a bigger market by re branding and changing the colors around.

Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#)) **CORDAN pro says:**

Gorillapod FTW!

Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#)) **Mel Burns says:**

Hello everyone,

I work for Joby. To answer your questions, yes, this is a knock-off. This product is in no way affiliated with the Gorillapod or Joby. The patents on the Gorillapod are still pending.

Thanks,
MelPosted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#)) **amancy pro says:**

ah... thanks! good to know!

Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#)) **cmiper pro says:**Thanks for the info Mel.
Have you (or Joby) seen one first hand? Did they really copy it right down to the quick release as it appears? I am surprised that something like this could happen from a known company like Sunpak.Posted 14 months ago. ([permalink](#))

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